Watershed Development Projects in Andhra Pradesh

386. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of watershed development projects launched in Andhra Pradesh as on date under three Area Development Programme (IWDP); Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP) since 1995, programme-wise, separately;

(b) the details of total release of funds for these projects between 1995-2005 alongwith utilization thereof; and

(c) the details of the monitoring system at the level of the Ministry to ensure proper implementation of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) The number of watershed development projects sanctioned in Andhra Pradesh since 1.4.1995 till date under Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP) is 74, under Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) is 3540 and under Desert Development Programme (DDP) is 772.

(b) Total Central share of funds released from 1.4.1995 to 31.3.2005 under IWDP amounts to Rs. 158.55 crores, under DPAP to Rs. 346.07 crores, and under DDP, Rs. 76.24 crores. First instalment is released along with the sanction of new projects under the programmes. Subsequent instalments are released on receipt of utilization of at least 50% of the funds of the previous instalment in the projects sanctioned under these programmes.

(c) The Ministry of Rural Development is regularly monitoring the schemes/programmes through Quarterly Progress Reports, Area Officers, Independent Evaluators and National Level Monitors. Further, District Level Vigilance & Monitoring Committees have been set up under the Chairmanship of local Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) to effectively monitor the implementation of the schemes and programmes of the Ministry and also to ensure that the funds are properly utilized.